

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA**

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DISCONTINUATION OF SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering to discontinue some schemes during the Eleventh Five Year Plan which were started under Tenth Five Year Plan;
- (b) if so, the details of the schemes which will be discontinued and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the amount spent on these schemes under Tenth Five Year Plan; and
- (d) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to take care of the interests of the employees employed under the schemes which are being discontinued?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN)

(a) to (d): Plan Schemes are discontinued on the basis of Zero Based Budgeting (ZBB) exercise while preparing a Plan. The primary purpose of ZBB exercise is to ensure convergence, efficiency and efficacy of schemes according to Plan objectives & priorities and also the use of available resources in the most judicious and economically efficient manner. Such an exercise is done regularly.